

## NARCOTIC DRUGS

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*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

No. 7184

PARIS, December 27, 1927

**EXCELLENCY:**

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that, on the basis of informal conversations held last September between Colonel Arthur Woods, Special Commissioner for Narcotic Research of the Treasury Department of the United States, M. Bourgeois, of the Foreign Office, and M. Delange, Contrôleur Général des Services des Recherches Judiciaires of the Sûreté Générale, in which these officials indicated the willingness of the French Government to arrange for the direct exchange of information between the officers charged with the control of the traffic in narcotic drugs in the United States and France, I have been instructed by my Government to propose to Your Excellency's Government the following arrangement:

1—The direct exchange between the Treasury Department of the United States and the corresponding office in France of information and evidence with reference to persons engaged in the illicit traffic. This would include such information as photographs, criminal records, finger prints, Bertillon measurements, description of the methods which the persons in question have been found to use, the places from which they have operated, the partners they have worked with, etc.

2—The immediate direct forwarding of information by letter or cable as to the suspected movements of narcotic drugs or of those involved in smuggling drugs, if such movements might concern the other country. Unless such information as this reaches its destination directly and speedily it is useless.

3—Mutual cooperation in detective and investigating work.

The officer of the Treasury Department who would have charge on behalf of my Government of the cooperation in the suppression of the illicit traffic in narcotics is Colonel L. G. Nutt, whose mail and telegraph address is: Deputy Commissioner in Charge of Narcotics, Treasury Department, Washington, District of Columbia.

In case this proposed arrangement should meet with the approval of Your Excellency's Government, I should be happy to be advised as to the name of the official with whom Colonel Nutt should communicate.

With assurances of my high regard, I have the honor to be, Your Excellency's obedient servant,

SHELDON WHITEHOUSE

His Excellency  
Monsieur ARISTIDE BRIAND,  
*Minister for Foreign Affairs,*  
*Paris.*

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*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

[TRANSLATION]

FRENCH REPUBLIC  
MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
Division of Administrative  
and Technical Affairs  
Sub-Division of Administrative  
Affairs and of International Unions.

PARIS, *January 30, 1928*

MR. AMBASSADOR:

In reply to Your Excellency's letter of December 27, relative to conversations held in Paris last September between Colonel Arthur Woods, Special Commissioner for Narcotic Research at Washington, M. Bourgeois, and M. Delange, Controller General of the Service of Judicial Investigation, I have the honor to inform you that I see no objection to the direct exchange of information between the respective French and American offices charged with the suppression of the traffic in narcotics.

M. Delange, Controller General of the Service of Judicial Investigation, has been instructed to communicate with Colonel Woods<sup>1</sup> concerning the proposals formulated by Your Excellency.

Kindly accept, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my high consideration.

For the Minister for Foreign Affairs and  
by Delegation

*The Ambassador of France*  
*Secretary General*

[signature undecipherable]

His Excellency  
MYRON T. HERRICK,  
*Ambassador of the United States at Paris.*

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<sup>1</sup> The name of Colonel Woods was inadvertently used here. The Foreign Office later informed the Embassy that due note had been taken of the fact that communication was to be with Colonel Nutt. Moreover, by note of Sept. 16, 1929, the Foreign Office informed the Embassy that M. Delange had been replaced by M. Ducloux.